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Where once Seminoles in cances plyed the water, only to be replaced by fishing trawlers and later bass tournament fishermen, the waterways of Lake Okeechobee and the Caloosa-hatchee River Thave now become the winter home of Mid-Lakes Navigation's fleet of Dockmaster. canalboats. The boats allow from 4-5 passengers to serve as captain and crew of their own vessel, complete with all the comforts of an upscale hotel, while enjoying the pristime scenery of Florida's "other-coast."

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Sunset Celebration

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Pahokee Main Street
invites everyone to the
monthly Sunset Celebration on the Lake, Saturday,
Feb. 19, at 5 pm. There
will be entertainment and
refreshments available
throughout the evening.
Vendors, are welcome to
come and set up at no
charge, just call Shirley
Jarriel, Pahokee Main
Street Coordinator, at 924
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"Health Fair 2000"

Palm Beach Community
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2000", featuring over 20
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Mothers Against Drunk
Driving, Palm Beach
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and the Sickle Cell
Association with testing. .
Additionally, PBCC's,
nursing department will
offer free blood pressure,
checks and Glades-General
Hospital will offer free
blood sugar and cholesterol
tests. The event will be
held at the Glades Campus,
1977 College Drive, Belle
1977 College Drive, Belle 1977 College Drive, Belle Glade on Feb. 29 from 10 a.m. to 2, p.m. inside the main building.

The event is free and open to the public.

Black Gold meeting

The next meeting of the Black Gold Jubilee 2000 Black Gold Jubilee 2000 Planning Committee, will be held Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 4 p.m. at Belle Glade City Hall is the Commission Chambers. Anyone wishing to parti-cipate on this committee should contact Card Seibert at 993-334.

Grant program workshop set

Are you planning to start, expand, rehabilitate, improve, or relocate your business in the Glades? The Palm Beach County Economic Development Office invites businesses in Belle Glade, South Bay, Pahokee and unincorporated areas to attend a presentation of the Devel-opment Regions Grant Program Year 2000.

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Serving the cities of Belle Glade, Canal Point, Pahokee and South Bay



Lt. Col. Leo Gray of Miami and Lt. Col. Francis Horne of Hampton, VA., two of 900 Tuskeegee Airmen who won the right to serve as fighter pilots for the United States Army Air Corps during World War II visited students at Belle Glade Elementary, Glades Central High. School and Pahokee Middle Senior High School during a tour of the Palm Beach County School District Tuesday. The Airmen, denied the opportunity to fly because they were black, began training near the Tuskeegee Institute in July 1941. Eventually, 961 Airmen trained at the Institute during the course of the war. Four hundred and fifty, served as fighter pilots, providing cover for bomber wings in North Africa, Sicily and Europe. Of the 400 who served overseas, 78 died, and the men destroyed more than 400 enemy aircraft, flying 15,553 sorties in 15,078 missions. "Not bad for someone who's not supposed to be able to fly," Col. Gray observed. Lt. Col. Horne, a native of West Palm, told the students to do whatever they learn to do well and to be prepared for "your Tuskeegee," the opportunity to realize a dream. Tuskeegee," the opportunity to realize a dream.

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ned expanding his interests. naintaining year-round operations in Sanford, Fla. and Johnston, S.C. His Sanford-based company distri-buted vegetables throughout the southern states. him to purchase fruits and vegetables and ship them to any location in the United

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brokerage business and He closed his Pahokee tractor trailer fleet enabled office in 1982.

Pahokee Youth Development Center employees honored

Administrators and staff of the Pahokee Youth Develop-ment Center recently recog-nized four of their peers who have shown excellence in per-forming their work responsibil-

Facility administrator Sally Patterson recognized Barbara Carter and Andrew Eldridge

Kimberly Adams and Pamela Slydell for the month of January Each received a per-sonalized T-shirt, a certificate and \$50 cash at a party in their honor.

In addition, an engraved plaque has been placed in the lobby for all to see.

South Bay approves moving contract

By Tracy Whirls
The South Bay City
Commission approved agreement with ChaPies Tree
& Lawn, Inc. of Okeechobee to
provide lawn maintenance for
city easements and right of

ways.
City Manager Michael
Jackson said the agreement,
devised by City Attorney
Samuel Thomas provides for
oversight of the maintenance
work and limits the city's liability for payment to work that is
completed.

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At a previous meeting, Commissioners had expressed concern that the city not get burned by entering an unenforceable agreement

forceable agreement.

Mr. Jackson said the lawn
company would work closely
with city staff and the public
utilities director to schedule mowing and other maintenance activities, and a checklist would be prepared to ensure that scheduled tasks were per-formed. In addition to mowing,

the erews will also clean up trash and keep curbs and storm drains free of debris. Under the terms of the agree-ment, Charlie's Lawn will be paid \$5,600 monthly to main-tain the city's preports includtain the city's property, includ-ing sidewalk areas and ease-ments beginning at the city limits and extending north and south on US 27 and east and west on SR 80. During the sumwest on SR 80. During the sum-mer, crews are expected to work in South Bay three days a week, and if less work is need-ed during the winter season, the payments by the city will be prorated, Mr. Jackson said. The contract will be subject

to renewal every year, and pay-ment for the work is subject to

work to the city's satisfaction.

Mr. Jackson said the company is expected to begin working

in South Bay within two weeks.

Commissioner Esther Berry
commended the city manager's
efforts in securing the contract and working to clean up the

or Mr. Jackson said city crews have been working to clean up property at the wastewater and water plants and are scheduled to begin cleaning up parks in

coming weeks.

In other business, the commission approved an agreement with Craig A. Smith and Associates to retain Dale Milita Associates to retain Dale Milita as a lobbyist during the upcoming legislative session to assist the city in securing the payment in lieu of taxes funding from the privitization council

for Wackenhut.
Mr. Jackson noted that Mr.
Milita has been instrumental
in securing the funding in past years, and that his assistance will be particularly useful this year, when Gov. Jeb Bush is considering abolishing the privitization committee.

Craig A. Smith will be paid 4.5 percent of the \$317,000 the city expects to receive in lieu of

SHIP Spirit 2000 Outreach Revival held in Pahokee

Representatives from area churches and pastors gathered Feb. 10 at Shiloh Baptist Church in Pahokee for the second Ship Spirit 2000 Outreach revival. The group went through Pahokee's main street area passing out HIV brochures and gospel tracks, serv-ing approximately 250 people who were very receptive of everything the group had to offer.

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Participants in the revival street
outreach included: Rev. Clifford
Davis, Rev. Larry White, and
Sister White, Jermaine Sutton,
Felicia Reeves, Tyrone Jenkins,
Samantha Smith, Joseph Banifield, Sandra Daniels, Melva Webb, J.D. Kane and Cyril Boyce.

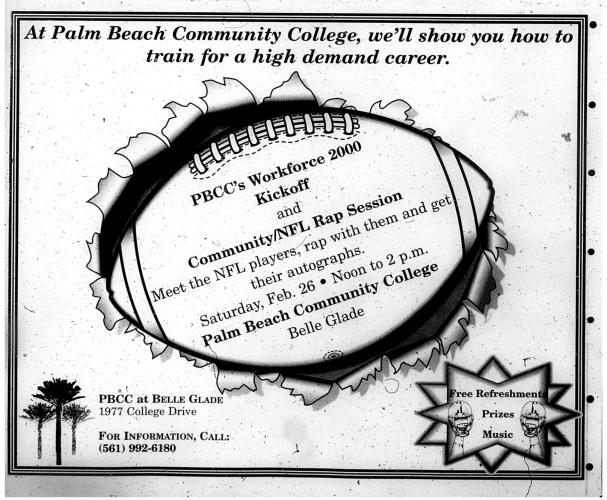
In January, representatives from veral area churches gathered at Mt. Zion AME Church in Belle Glade for an HIV education work-shop to prepare for the outreach revival. Topics highlighted includ-ed the administration of the HIV/AIDS pre-test, an oral test which extracts body fluids from the mucous membranes of the mouth which can be analyzed for the presence of the virus, without a blood test, as well as information on the history of the AIDS epidemic, pre-vention, transmission, treatment

vention, transmission, treatment and other information. Participating in the SHIP Spirit 2000 workshop were facilitatorlyresenter Sandra Daniels, Melva Webb, Peggie Smith, representing New Bethel Baptist Church, Jacqueline Raddiffe, Rev. Issae S. Jones, pastor, and Roosevelt Jones, all of Mt. Zion AME, Tyrone Jenkins and Samantha Smith, representing First Born Church of the Living God, Wilbert Little, Jr., Courtney Love, Sharnee Smith, Majorie S.

Ferguson, Randy Flores and Sharonda Taylor, all representing Inspirational Church of God.

Organizers of the HIP Spirit 2000 HIV/AIDS Eradication Outreach program urge all com-munity-based organizations, soromunity-based organizations, soror-tities, fraternities and churches to unit to eradicate HIV in the new millennium. The group also encourages anyone who can donate flashlightis and batteries, or a golf cart to be used during the outreach ministries to contact any of the churches participating in the min-

The next SHIP Street Outreach Revival will be held March 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the First Born Church of the Living God, 525 S.W. 6th Street, Belle Glade. Rev. Charles Derico is the pastor. For more information, contact Melva Webb o ation, contact Melva Webb o ndra Daniels at (561) 996-1600.



Toddlers make great exercise partners ... or weights



In fact I do work out with a weight He's months old and his name is

times ask

if I work out with

weights.

Like most working moms, I don't have a let of free time. So combining exercise and playing with the baby seemed like a

weights, you are supposed to start with a lighter weight and then gradually go to heavier weights. Using a baby does that naturally Micahel was 7 pounds 11 ounces at birth and

has gradually gained weight.
Exercising with a small child
was not my idea. There are several videos on the market and I have seen mommy-and-baby exercises in a number of magazines. The exercises I do are just my own adaptations of the ones I saw or read about else-

Before you begin any exercise program you should check with our doctor. Before you exercise with your

baby, discuss it with your baby's doctor as well.

There are some basic safety factors to consider. Always exercise on a thick rug or exerexercise on a thick rug or exer-cise mat. An overexcited tod-dler may squirm out of your arms. If you get tired, don't push yourself to do "one more repetition." You don't want to risk dropping the child.

When you exercise with any kind of weights you should keep your motions slow

and controlled. Your muscles should be doing the work. If you let the momentum of the weights (or child) swing upward, you get no benefit. And never, never throw a child into the air. Hundreds of babies

country when well-meaning parents throw them up and then fail to catch them.

I usually start my exercise routine with a basic lift.With Michael facing me, I squat as if doing a deep knee bend. I put my hands under his armpits and then slowly straighten my legs. This exercises my legs and also allows me to lift the boy without putting strain on my lower back. To exercise my upper arms and shoulders, I continue to lift Michael up until my arms are straight. Then I slowly lower him and start over. I usually do five rep-

Michael's favorite part of our

exercise routine is the "flying baby." I lie on my back with my knees bent as if to do a sit-up. I dance, and then have fun. let Michael sit on my feet, fac-ing me. I hold his hands and then slowly lift my legs, until he is parallel to the floor. By this time he is usually laughthis time he is usually laugh-ing. (Anyone watching also tends to laugh, but I try to stay focused.) I raise and lower the "flying baby" ten times. A variation of the "flying

baby," is to raise him only part-way and then do crunches, although Michael does not find this exercise as amusing as the regular "flying baby" routine.

If you need aerobic exercise, there is nothing like having a

Put on some music with a fast beat, encourage the baby to

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daughter's e y e s . S h e brushed some gray straggles from her fore-head, then looked across

MD the ER bed where her mother rested, and straight into the

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"I just can't take care of her any longer."

Emergency physician Tammy Cortez had encountered this Cortez had encountered this situation many times in her 12 years in the ER. It seemed to be even more frequent the past few years, as the area's population was aging. That relentless toll that time eventually withdraws from each person would draws from each person would often bring this scenario to the

orten bring this scenario to the hospital. "OK." Cortez said with an understanding tone. "Let's see what we can figure out."

She spent a few minutes talking with the frustrated daughter. She found out that she had been providing care for her aging mother, by herself, for the past four years. They lived in a small condo, just the two of them, and the elder woman had not been out for

is sne able to get out of bed? Cortez asked as she glanced at the frail body on the bed.
"I try to get her up into a chair each day," the daughter responded. Then, with her voice cracking, she repeated, "I just can't take care of her anymere".

After some inquiries about the recent eating habits of the mother, Cortez turned her attention to the quiet soul in the bed. She noted that skin was clean, there was skin was clean, there was pow-der on her chest, and that there was no body odor. The adult diaper encircling her bony pelvis was fresh, and there was no indication of any bed pres-

"You've done a good job with her," Cortez said as she pulled her stethoscope from her jacket pocket.

She listened carefully to the old woman's chest. She felt the sagging skin around her neck. and probed her abdomen. She ran a hand down each contract-ed leg to the skinny ankles. The bounding pulses were noted on

each foot.
. The elderly mother made no sounds except for her quiet, steady breathing. She was in no discomfort, nor did she have any understanding about what

was going on around her.

"We'll run a few tests," Cortez said, "to see if there is any necessity for hospitalization."

She paused to allow the "if-there is any necessity" to sink in. When she saw the frustration on the daughter's face, she

tion on the daughter's face, she continued.
"If there's no reason to put her in the hospital, we'll explore other options. There are other things that can be done. We can help."
With a quick smile, Cortez left the bedside. She marked the mother's chart so that some lab tests and an EKG would be

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The daughter settled quietly into a chair beside her mother. She reached up and took her hand and gave it a squeeze. The two remained silent as the EKG was obtained and the blood was drawn from an arm

A specimen of urine was sent to the lab.

The mother was unaware of the bustle in the beds next to hers. She didn't hear the crying of the baby in the next room.

Her own world, one that ignored these outside interferences, was not threatened.

Soon, Cortez returned with

"This is Cindy," she reported.
"Cindy is our Social Worker here in the ER."

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"Other than the Alzheimer's your mother is in pretty good shape, and there really isn't any reason to hospitalize her." Cortez paused again. "Cindy will help you figure out just what is best for you and your

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"You've done a wonderful job with your mother so far, now let's see what we can do to help."

Cortez had heard it all many times before. There would be discussions about Adult Concreta Living Reclities about.

discussions about Adult Con-gregate Living Facilities, about home health care, about pri-vate duty aides, and about nursing homes. Cortez returned to her desk to complete the old woman's 'chart. She thought about her own mother, who had birthday number 74 last week. For a few moments, her thoughts took her back to Pennsylvania. She stared into the corner, then sighed.

Doc?

The nurse's interruption startled her back to Florida. Cortez headed back toward the crying baby in Room 5.

Dr. Stauffer, an emergency physician in New Smyrna

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The key to good health care is education

The days of blindly going to the doctor and blindly doing what you're told are long gone. Good consumerism

reached the health care field and the patients of today are taking the time to educate themselves about their mal-adies and illnesses. Armed with information, patients are no longer afraid of what might be happening to their bodies.

Physicians need to find time

n their practices to answer questions to the satisfaction of their patients.

"Education is the key to good health care in 2000," states Ellis L. Webster, M.D., Board Certified Otolaryngologist.

"Patients not only have the right, but they have the duty to educate themselves when a problem arises. This under-

standing will help increase their comfort level with what the physician is doing to help them regain good health."

Many patients are finding the information they need on the net. While there are many informational sites and support groups available, it is important that patients use these sites to aid their understanding of what the physician is recommending, not to replace the physician. Self-diagnosis and self-treatment

can be dangerous. Dr. Webster, who specializes in the diagnosis and medical and surgical treatment of disorders of the ear, nose and throat, including hearing loss, sinusitis, allergy, sore throat, hoarseness, snoring, sleep apnea, thyroid disorders and head and neck cancer, says he is dedicated to educating his

Dr. Webster is conducting a Community Education Sessi of "Rhinosinusitus" (run (runny nose and sinus infection) February 23 at 5:30 p.m. in the Glades General Hospital cafeteria. If you have any questions related to the treatment of the ears, nose or throat, he will be available to answer questions following his presentation.

This Community Education Session is sponsored by Glades General Hospital as part of its commitment to health and safecommutaint to health and safe-ty related community educa-tion. If you have any questions, please contact Terri Calsetta, Director of Marketing at 996-6571, extension 444.

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On February 24, 2000, The Sun will publish a Medial Directory covering Western Palm Beach County. These directories are inserted into The Sun, given out at the local Chambers of Commerce, and distributed to advertisers to place in their waiting rooms, etc.

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AFREE **Community Education Session**



Dr. Ellis Webster, Board Certified Otolaryngologist (ENT)

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OPINION PAGE-

Feel strongly about local issues?



The Sun **INVITES YOU TO** SPEAK OUT! (561) 996-6636

Speak Out is our 24-hour opinion line.

Call 996-6536 to express your opinion or osk questions about public issues.

You are not required to give your name. While we mant you to speak out freely, the newspaper reserves
the right to edit calls for clarity, brevity, relevance and fairness.

Private work on public dollars?

"I would like the Belle Glade City Manager and the City Commission to address this sit-

Why do the taxpavers of this city have to Why do the taxpayers of this city have to pay the Parks and Recreation Director a salary when he takes the city employees, on city time, and fixes a baseball field for a private school on city time?

That's not right and he should have to explain this and the City Manager and the City Commission should look into this.

Please respond.

Mike Underwood, Parks and Recreation Mike Underwood, Parks and Recreation Director, responds: 'In response to this article, my first point to make is that the City of Belle Glade Parks and Recreation Department employees do not work on private property without prior knowledge and approval by the proper city authorities.

The Parks and Recreation budget for repairs and maintenance of buildings and grounds is \$10,000. Any time we can be of service to someone and come out shead, I would think that this would be good planning. In the situation noted in your Speak

Out, yes, we did disassemble two dugouts Out, yes, we did dispsemble two dugouts which were being replaced at Glades Day School. In doing so, we used the good lumber to repair the press box at Airport.Park, and the rest of the lumber will be used for cement frames at the Marina, and as needed. A good deed is often worth the effort!

deed is often worth the effort!

In my past 20 years of employment with
the city. I have worked closely with the athletic departments of our local high-schools.
For us-to survive in a small town, it is essential to assist one another, not work against
each other. I am a salaried employee with the
city, which means I am on call at all times. If
any Belle Bädge citizen would like to view my
working hours, feel free to call me and I will
have the records available to them.

I wish that in the future, should anyone
question what the, Recreation Department

question what the Recreation Department employees are doing, that they speak to me directly or phone the city manager. There are often positive answers, and perhaps we may be of assistance to you too some day."

Editor's note: We received two additional Speak Out calls that require responses. These will run in the February 24 edition of *The*, Sun.

" HE GAVE ME THIS TAPE. YOU'RE TO LISTEN TO IT DURING YOUR WAKING HOURS. Couples' retirement shouldn't rattle the nerves

spouse will soon realize that there is much more than just an "empty nest" syndrome going on in the household. "They were a part of something for a long time. It's going to be hard to sit down and do nothing."

In all likelihood, today's retiring couples aren't sitting around staring at one another, She's been getting up every morning at 5:30 a.m. for 25 years to fix his 6:30 breakfast. He's been heading out to his job as a high school basketball coach for just as many years. Recently, however, he opted for early retirement and while she is thinking it's finally okay to

seep in a little later, ins only logical alarm clock just keeps right on clanging around 6 a.m. every morning. Traditionally, this is the way we know retirement. The sandwich generation, those who take care of children and around staring at one another, Roberts says. "They're out there in the community get-ting involved and helping." Roberts research reveals that Knoerts research reveals that retirees are unique, contribut-ing members of the work force and are very active in volun-teerism.

"Many retirees are starting to do consulting and even become mentors to the people who take care of children and parents concurrently, however, may be spending their retire-ment years a little differently. According to Radford Universocial work instructor who are just entering their field of expertise," Roberts says. With one or both spouses being involved in some type of work or volunteer effort after Jane Roberts, the adjustment to a chapge in roles and house-hold activities does not have to rattle the nerves of a happily

sleep in a little later, his bio-

rattle the nerves of a happily married couple.
While Roberts believes that current trends reveal it's less likely couples are living out the fairy-tale of spending more time with the grandkids, sitting on their front porches and traveling the world, it still can be an exciting time in a couple's life.

"Retirement can be very

ple's life.
"Retirement can be very rewarding and fulfilling for a couple. They just have to real-ize there are adjustments com-

ize there are adjustments coming.

Those who have identified themselves with the job or have held their jobs in high esteem and part of their identity, find it harder to retire. It doesn't matter if they're a blue or white collar worker and it doesn't matter if they were a traditional mom and housewife. If they felt their jobs were part of their identity, it's going to be hard for them to retire," Roberts notes. The

out of the home

out of the home.

If the first few weeks of retirement—are testing the patience of a couple, Roberts offers these suggestions:

Be assertive. If you need time alone, tell the other person, I need time alone.

Trust your own children's instincts. Children of retiring couples know the strenghts and weaknesses of their parts; they can encourage them ents; they can encourage them to get involved in activities where they can most benefit and receive the most personal

Don't just do something to

self reward.

Don't just do something to stay busy. Be helpful. Volunteering in schools, retirement communities, day care centre for hospitals may be the answer. It's always good to know you're needed.

Realize the marriage is the work of the wor

suggests good, simple commu-nication. If you need time alone, don't say "You're always

retirement, chances of extreme adjustment problems are unlikely.

"Yes, there will be a change in the role the spouse plays," Roberts says. Men are retiring earlier and the women are working longer. Also, men may be the stay-at-home spouse while the wife is either continuing her career or perhaps starting a new one.

"Some wives may be going to work for the first time after the husband retires," Roberts says. The children are now grown and she is choosing to establish her own place in the world by going to work outside the home.

"Not so many couples are facing empty nest syndrome as in my face."
Psycologists stress that
humor can also be the spice
that both livens and eases the
adjustment process for retir-

Taking a walk on the mild side sometimes make couples see things in a different light and brings to realization that their differences are no reason for divorce after all.

facing empty nest syndrome as-we think," Roberts notes.

Most are actually finding they don't have much time after retirement to worry abut their children being grown and

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adjustment problems are





Looking back...This photo was taken in the early 1970s, but we're not sure what's going on, except that they are counting money!

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Was it really a hurricane on Lake Huron?



Never say never in meteorol-ogy. Take hurricanes, for exam-

I learned a long time ago that hurricanes can only form in the tropical regions of the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans. A hurricane feeds on the warm waters of these regions. It can't survive, let alone develop; in a cool water climate. Still, there have been examples where storms resembling a hurricane have evolved in unusual loca-tions. Such storms have formed occasionally in the Mediter-ranean Sea, off the coastline of Washington and Oregon during the winter, and in the polar

gions. · While these storms may look like a hurricane or a tropical storm, they don't operate like one. A hurricane is a warm core cyclone, so called because it is warmer at its center than its

bees are cold core cyclones, storms that obtain their energy from the sun and available moisture, and storms with a center that is generally charac-

terized by cold air.

Hurricanes also need a fairly large body of water as a breeding ground. Most systems develop in the open waters of the Atlantic or Pacific. That's what makes what happened on September 14,

1996 in Lake Huron even more

remarkable.

Lake Huron is the second largest of the Great Lakes with an area of 23,000 square miles. Lumbering, fishing and tourism play a major role on the Lake which carries exten-

sive ship traffic.

And while Lake Huron has seen its share of monster storms, one type of storm has never formed there. It would be impossible for a hurricane to develop on Lake Huron. Never say never in meteorol-

On September 14, 1996 an

intense low pressure system formed over southeastern Lake Huron. As the low intensified the cold-core system evolved

into a warm-core system.

The storm even developed an eye and spiral bands-just like a

hurricane. Satellite pho-tographs of the storm were amazing. It looked like a hurri-cane and, based on meteorologhurricane. ical records, it was the first time such a system had been observed over the Great Lakes. The storm even acted like a

tropical system, briefly producing tropical storm force winds (39 to 73 mph) and inundating southern Canada, parts of New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania

with heavy rain.

But was it a real hurricane?

Not quite. A good argument could be made that the storm was nearly a tropical storm. Just like a tropical storm, Just like a tropi "Hurricane Huron" "Hurricane Huron" as it has become known, gathered its strength from the water, in this case, the warm waters of Lake Huron. And, like a tropical storm, when the "Hurricane Huron" drifted over cooler waters the storm began to

weaken.

There is little doubt that the waters of Lake Huron, which were at their warmest readings of the year, played an important role in the development of this unique storm. Chances are e will never seen another one ke it again. Then again, never say never

in meteorology.

(Mike Lyons is the chief weather forecaster for WPBF-TV)



Pioneer Park Elementary School fifth graders donated books to the Head Start children at Glades Glen last week. Pioneer Park Media Specialist Annette Gray said her students come to the Head Start every couple of weeks and read to the small children. The books were donated by Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative. Shown, front row, from left are Willie Kitchen, Freddie Davis, Latoria Brown and LaPatience Ward. Shown back row, from left are Jacqueline Jacques, Shantoria Rivers, Alteria Keyes, Jose Barron and Phillip Burnett.



Belle Glade Rotary Club presented long-time Rotarian Marvin Unwin with the tarian of the Century" award recently. Presenting the award deft is Rotary Rotarian President Bra

RIME STOPPERS



Ronald Folkes

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate Ronald Folkes who is wanted for failure to appear on two counts of lewd assault and three counts

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of sexual activity with a child.
Folkes is a black male, 5'6" tall, and weighs 240 pounds.
He has black hair and brown eyes and a scar on his forehead.
His date of birth is October 10, 1987

His last known address was

1206 Glades Glen Drive, Belle His Social Security Glade. His Social Security number is unknown and his last occupation was as a labor-er. His warrant was active as of February 8, 2000.

If you know the whereabouts of Ronald Folkes or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an

Arrest Blotters

Editor's note: The police news on this page lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

BELLE GLADE

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 632 complaints and gave 39 traffic citations the week of February 7-13.

Those arrested included

February 7- Freddie Davis, 32, burglary and resisting arrest without violence; Juvenile, 9, aggravated battery and shooting into an occupied dwelling; Juvenile, 17, felony criminal mischief and auto burglary.

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February 8 - Jimmy Lamar, 20, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and failure to appear on a traffic citation; Steven

Bernard Smith, 26, failure to appear on

charges of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and discharge of a firearm pathic;

by the converse of the conv ed felon and discharge of a firearm in public; Phillis Roberson, 21, resisting an officer without violence; Clinnie Colling, 58, aggra-vated assault with a deadly weapon; Shah Ahsanullah, 59, display of harmful materials to minors.

to minors.

February 9- Nathaniel Burroughs, 34, occupied burglary; Douglas Madison, 20, domestic battery and resisting arrest without violence; Willie J. Anderson, 23, failure to appear on charges of attached tag not assigned.

February 10 - Jacques Germain, 22, bat-tery on a law enforcement officer; Renne Bridges, 18, resisting arrest with violence and

Bridges, 18, resisting arrest with violence and obstruction by a disguised person; Joe Hanson Singleton, 24, warrant for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. February 11. James L. Minus, 36, failure to appear on charges of failure to obey a traffic control device, driving while license suspended and registration of tag not assigned, also for possession of cocaine; Erica Collins, 24, failure to appear on charges of restail visual to a control of the possession of cocaine; Brica Collins, 24, fail-ure to appear on charges of retail their, Joseph Jackson, 31, contempt of court on al-order of commitment; Dorothy Johnson, 33, retail their. Struest Brown, 20, domestic bat-tery; Anthony Perkins Jr., 21, failure to appear on charges of attached tag not assigned, driving while license suspended and speed posted on a county road; Cora Keith, 35, auguranted domestic search. 35, aggravated domestic assault. February 12 - Shauar Brand, 18, warra

for aggravated battery; Lorenzo Gonzalez, 19, carrying a concealed weapon; Oneal-Green, 35, contempt of court; Juvenile, 17, contempt of court for dealing in stolen proper-

ty and criminal mischief; Mary Robinson, 40, contempt of court; Kenji Simeton, 28, domestic battery; Juvenile, 14, battery; Pablo

Lopez, 44, robbery with a weapon.

February 13 - Charlie Simmons, 21, occupied burglary and grand theft; Natalie Jones, 22, occupied burglary and grand theft; Juvenile, 14, grand theft auto and resisting an officer without violence; Juvenile, 15, grand theft auto, aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer, resisting arrest with violence and criminal trespass; Olga Garcia, 31, trespassing after warning.

PAHOKEE

The Pahokee Police Department handled 172 calls, issued 3 traffic citations and made 5 arrests the week of February 7-13.

Those arrested included:
February 7 - No arrests made.
February 8 - Byron Hamilton, 36, carry-

ing a concealed weapon and trespassing; Bernard Jones, 36, burglary. February 9 Charles Williams, 53,

mestic battery.

February 10 - No arrests made.

February 11 - No arrests made.

February 12 - Alvin Walker Jr., 50, burglary, forced entry and a warrant for contempt of court; Willie Harvey, 36, trespassing after rning. February 13 - No arrests made

PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Palm Beach County Sheri arrests the week of February 7-13. riff's made 4 Those arrested included:

February 7- Kevin Pablo Pitre, 29, of Pahokee,

violation of injunction, obstruction.

February 8- Anthony Robinson, 39, Pahokee, simple battery domestic, Roy Terrence Lenard Walker, 22. Pahokee, domestic battery, James Ronald Tillman, 30, Pahokee, domestic battery. February 9 - No arrests made. February 10- Juvenile, Pahokee burglary

Feb. 15-Patrick D. Bradley, obstruction; res

without violence, false report re: crimes.

February 11 - No arrests made. February 12 - No arrests made

February 13 - No arrests made.

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Sports this week



ohnson (10), Dempsey Josinvile (21), Eugene Stoudmire (12), rson (23) with head coach Frank McCallum and assistant co

Fishing is economic boon for lake area, Florida

Division of Freshwater Eisheries
It's mind-boggling when we
think about the economic impact
freshwater fishing has on Florida's

When adding in anglers who ply the state's saltwaters, we're talking about a truly tidy sum of more than

\$6 billion.
Folks, that's billion with a capital

And, that \$6-billion-plus figure is probably conservative since we're working from figures compiled in an American Sportsfishing Association (ASA) study funded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in

washington, D.C., in 1996.

Given a modest inflationary increase since '96, and combined increase since 96, and combined with an expansion in the number of those recruited to fishing since that then, it's reasonable to conclude that figure is closer now to \$7 bil-lion (give or take a dollar or two) in the new millennium.

In 1996, 2,854,021 fisherpeople

over 16 years of age spent 45,464,000 angler days fishing in the Sunshine States waters in search of a wide variety of finny targets spending more than \$3,288,843,000.

\$3,288,843,000. This translates into the creation of \$18,165 jobs in which people earned \$1,711,404,281. State sales tax coffers benefitted to the tune of \$197,330,658, while Federal income Taxes amounted to \$105,392,657. On top of,this, the Sport Fish Restoration Excise Tax Apportionment, a user-pays, user-benefits tax that is generally strongly supported by anglers themselves, received \$5,114,792 to strongly supported by anglers themselves, received \$5,114,792 to be used for supporting Florida's fisheries conservation and man-agement program. According to 1996 ASA esti-mates, there were 35,2 million peo-

ple nationally who went fishing at least once that year and, they point out, the economic effect of these angler expenditures rippled throughout local, state and national economies by sustaining old jobs

and creating new ones.

As anyone can conclude, the growth of recreational fishing over the past several decades has given this popular activity a, clearly defined position in the social and economic fabric of every state in the nation. Florida, with it's \$6,057,317,747

fisheries economic output in 1996 ranked third among the 50 states. California (\$7,127,585,206) and Texas (\$6,366,580,439) edged us Crackers out for the one-two spots. It's a good probability that we will have taken over the national lead-ership role when the next ASA study comes out sometime in 2000, because of drastic increases of fresh and saltwater fisheries resources due to passage of common sense laws, rules and regulations, in laws, rules and regulations, in addition to the energetic and effec-tive efforts of Florida's Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), which continues to empha-size far-reaching statewide habitat restoration initiatives. In 1971, the restoration initiatives. In 1971, the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission (one of the ante-cedents of the FWC) pioneered the lake draw-down technology with a very successful effort in Lake Kissimmiee to overcome the depra-vation of years of stabilized water-levels. Smoke followmb and Bucky Wegener were the original innova-tors of this technology, which remains at the heart of most major lake restoration efforts today.

lake restoration efforts today.
Not only has Florida regained its
"Bass Capital of the World" title,
resident and nonresident fishing license sales, which had been rela-tively "flat" everywhere for more

than a decade, began showing a modest upturn in Florida during 1999, according to the FWCs direc-tor of the Freshwater Fisheries Division, Ed Moyer. He remains cutiously optimistic that license sales, which fund the vast majority of division efforts, will gradually increase again as a result of improved fishing and public recog-nition of the need to nurchase nition of the need to purchase licenses, not only to be legal but also to help to continue improving the health of fisheries and aquatic

Further evidence of Florida's remarkable comeback is the num-ber of national bass tournament organizations, including the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (BASS) and the Great Outdoors Adventure Show's national Father-Son tour-ney, flocking to our waters to stage competitions. This culminated on Nov. 7 with history's richest fishing event, the Ranger M1 Millennium Bass Tournament being held on the Winter Haven Chain of Lakes at Cypress Gardens where 400 of the world's leading professional and amateur bassers vied for \$3

and amateur bassers vied for \$8 imilion in prize money and were seen by a national audience in the first ever live network; television overage for such an event.

Will Florida ever hit an annual \$10 billion fishing economic impact figure? Don't dismiss this thought. What's more, it may happen much sooner than later as fishing fraternity in members thrughlout the world conclude that Florida affords them the best opportunity to catch the fresh or saltwater troto catch the fresh or saltwater tro phy they've been dreaming about, and as residents begin taking their families out fishing once again as a way of re-establishing family values and providing relaxing quality



The Lakeshore Middle School Lady Road Runners baskethall team includes Christina Granville (25), Jokeirar Sneed (22), Latarsha Pearson (10), Crystal Seider (44), Tiffany Summerall (5), Latoya Holley (41), Cassandra Anderson (12), Lashawnda Woodley (2), Artisha Hardwick (23), Olicia Browning (32), Courtney Jackson (33), Jamie Evans (14), Orkie Brown (3), Courtney Myrick (35), Mikilya Ferguson (1), Brittney West (30), Mercedes Thylor (50), Shundra Smith (11) with head coach James Harrington and assistant coach Luke Pierre. (Photo by Tracy Whirls)

Gators boys varsity end season 10-16

The Glades Day Gators varsity boys basketball team ended their regular season play last week with a 10-16 record, and faced off against Kings Academy in District action Tuesday, after a split decision with the team during regular In the last week of regular play the Gators lost to LaBelle, 92-88,

the Gators fost to LaBelle, 92-88, then defeated North Broward Prep 48-40, and Davie University 55-40. Jesse Montalto led the scoring for the Gators, racking up 56 points and 30 rebounds. Ryan Shackelford made 56 points. Tony

Porter scored 32 points and 33 rebounds and Jonathon Lively contributed 31 points and 25 rebounds during the week's action. According to Coach Richard

Schmidt, Patrick Cross has done an excellent job at point guard run-ning the offense the entire year.

Don't Miss the **Big Lake Sunday News**

The Sun, the Clewiston News, the Glades County Democrat and the Okeechobee Daily News have come together to provide a Sunday paper for the south end of Lake Okeechobee. Pick it up anywhere you usually buy The Sun, and keep up with what's happening on our end of the lake.

Sun sports this week

Feb. 18, 2000 Glades Day Gators Tennis vs. LaBelle, home 3:30 p.m. Glades Day Gators JV base-ball vs. Glades Central, home, 3:30 p.m.

Feb. 22, 2000 Pahokee Lady Blue Devils Softball vs. John Carroll,

Softball vs. John Carroll, away, 4 pm.
Fahokee Lady Blue Devils Flag Football, vs. Atlantic, home 67 pm.
Glades Day Lady Gators varsity softball vs. 'St. Edwards, home, 3:30 p.m.
Glades Day Gators Tennis vs. School of the Arts, away, 4 nm.

p.m. Glades Day Gators Jr. varsi-ty baseball vs. LaBelle, home 4 p.m.

Glades Day Gators varsity baseball, vs. LaBelle, away, 6

Feb. 23, 2000
Pahokee Lady Blue Devils
Softball vs. St. Andrews,
home, 4 p.m.

Feb. 24, 2000 Glades Day Lady Gators JV softball vs. Clewiston Middle, ome, 4 p.m.
Glades Day Gators tennis
vs. St. Edwards, home, 4 p.m.
Glades Day Gators JV baseball vs. Clewiston, home, 4

p.m. Glades Day Gators varsity baseball, vs. Clewiston, away, 7 p.m. Feb. 25, 2000 Pahekee Lady Blue Devils

flag football vs. Dwyer, away, 6/7 p.m.
Glades Day Lady Gators
softball vs. St. Andrews, away,

4 p.m.

Glades Day Gators varsity
baseball vs. St. Andrews,
away, 4 p.m.

Feb. 29, 2000 Pahokee Lády Blue Devils softball vs. Wellington, away,

softball vs. Wellington, away, 4 p.m. Pahokee Lady Blue Devils flag football vs. Santaluces, home, 67 p.m. Glades Day Lady Gators varsity softball vs. John Carroll, home, 4 p.m. Glades Day Gators varsity baseball vs. St. Edwards, away, 7 p.m.

Ameritech offers opportunity through education

By Tracy Whirls

Ameri-Tech Institute for Career Amer-lech Institute for Career Education, a non-profit educational organization, opened in the South Bay Plaza in South Bay in April 1999 with the goal of providing skill-based training in health care and customer service using a multi-dimensional approach.

"Ameri-Tech Institute opened amen-teen institute operate the demonstrated problem in the demonstrated problem in the clades communities," said Ameritech President and Director of Education Jack Jones. "We are working to become accredited so that we can offer financial aid for the create and the community of the community o those seeking to improve their economic and social prospects. Right now, we are the only post-secondary vocational school available.

There is a community college; in college; in the secondary is the secondary to the secondary

There is a community college in town, but people with skills defi-ciencies are hesitant to attempt col-lege coursework."

While most vocational-technical

schools are one dimensional, con-centrating on teaching students the particular skills needed for a

According to Attorney Robert Bertisch, Executive Director of the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc., Legal Aid will be implementing its Western Communities Educational Embwerment Initiative to proactively enhance educational services to parents and children with disabilities in company services with disabilities in company services to parents and children with disabilities in company services with disabilities in company services to parents and children with disabilities in company services with disabilities in company services with the company of the company

ties in grades kindergarten through fourth who reside in the Glades area of Palm Beach County through their Juvenile Advocacy

program. Services being offered include: a.)

●Exciting things are happening at West Tech in the new millennium. The technical schools are undergo-

Career Academies were developed

in collaboration with local busin

particular occupation, Mr. Jones said Ameri-Tech takes a multi-skill

approach.
"We have the skill-based training, but we also offer a literacy core, and a workplace socialization component. We address dental work. ponent. We address dental work, purple hair, inappropriate attire. We take our students to restau-rants so they can learn how to han-dle themselves in a business situa-tion, and provide other learning opportunities."

meri-Tech offers classes in general office procedures/customer service, which Mr. Jones says represents roughly 75 percent of available employment in the Glades area, home health aid and nursing

area, home health aid and nursing ass-istant/patient care, as well as an on-site GED program.

Although classes are available on a self-pay basis and financing is available, the majority of Ameri-Tech students are referred from Workforce Development, as part of the state's welfare-to-work program.

gram.
Under the WIA initiative, Palm ach County must place 800 stu-Legal Aid launches educational

empowerment initiative

out and offering training to parents and guardians of students enrolled

and guardians of students enrolled, in Varying Exceptionalities classes to help them understand their rights regarding their child(ren)'s educational needs and entitlement; c.) working with other social service agencies to offer accessible

supportive services and trans-portation to and for parents to essential school meetings; and d.) accompanying, when necessary, family members to essential school

meetings and working to bridge

Academy of Residential Construction to

begin in fall at West Tech

dents in educational programs. So far few have been placed. The reason, Mr. Jones said, is because in order to become eligible for educational benefits under the welfare to work program, clients must first apply for as many as 30 jobs before becoming eligible for training. The 'job first' emphasis of the legislation creates roadblocks for many students in the Glades, Mr. Jones said, noting that 60 percent of adults in the area do not have a

Jones saud, noting that by percent of adults in the area do not have a high school diploma, 32 percent do not have a ninth grade education, roughly 1/3 do not speak English well, the teen pregnancy rate is 21 percent, 52 percent of the popula-tion lives in present and the upen-

tion lives in poverty and the unem-ployment rate is 25-30 percent.

"Those who could go to work in the Glades have. Those who are left are the hard-to-place because they have substantial barriers to employment," Mr. Jones said.

Ameri-Tech progr ed to overcome those

"We believe there is a definite

emic opportunities and achieve-ment levels of students with disabilities in grades Kindergarten through fourth grade by empower-ing parents and the community

ing parents and the community itself with the knowledge and con-fidence to advocate on behalf of dis-abled children and ensure that

they receive what is needed to achieve academically. For more information, please contact Michelle Hankey, Supervising Attorney; Barbara Burch, Staff

Attorney, Anna Vequez, Paralegal; Gail Davis, Educational Advocate at toll free 1-800-403-9353 or 423 Fern Street, Suite 200, West Palm Beach, FL.



ri-Tech is licensed by the State Board of Nonpublic Career Education to offer contin in programs for health care professionals including phlebotomy, EKG, HIV, OSHA, wc PR. Pictured are nursing director Lorelei Pepito and AmeriTech CEO Jack Jones. We have high school gradution to a business, the business navs praduates to have a production of the program of the pro

ates who can't read and write. Employers have identified short-Employers have identified short-comings of untrained employees," Mr. Jones said, noting the similari-ties between the Glades and Appalachia where he grew up. He moved to Florida in 1974.

"The Glades area is not unlike ppalachia. The students lack self Appalachia. The students lack self confidence. They really need some-one or an institution to help them refrain their attitudes about themelves and develop their under

standing of employer expectations.
"We teach the basics of marketing. We tell our students they are entrepreneurs—they sell their labor

them wages, which then pays taxes. It's a circular flow of econom-

ic activity," Mr. Jones said.

Such concepts are new to his students, the majority of whom are involved in the program in an effort to get off welfare

to get off welfare.
"We tell them they must know
the difference between needs and
wants. Welfare satisfies needs, but
to satisfy wants you have to earn
the more and the money, determine what you want and save the money to satisfy those wants. So we teach money management here"

nanagement here."

In addition to offering training in the basic skills areas to enable

graduates to hone their empl ment skills and become self-sufficient, through technology-based learning programs, classroom, lab-oratory and field work experiences, Ameri-Tech also assists students with career planning and develop-ment, resume preparation and job placement assistance.

Day and evening class available, and each diploma progam is set to be completed in 12progain is set to be completed in 12-weeks, allowing students to quick-ly improve their their employabili-ty skills and seek employment. For more information, or to reg-ister for the next session of classes, phone (561) 996-5007.

1999 Middle School and High School Youth Risk Behavior Survey released

The Palm Beach County Middle and High School Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) for 1999 has been completed and reflects some interesting trends about our students. While some dangerous behaviors are low, others are of concern to educators and health professionals throughout the

country.

The Youth Risk Behavior was The Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System was designed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on tion and to focus the nation on behaviors' among youth related to the leading causes of mortality and morbidity among both youth and adults and to assess how these risk behaviors change over time. The Surveillance System measures behaviors that fall into six categories: (1) behaviors that result in unintentional and intentional injuries; (2) tobacco use; (3) alcohol and other drug use; (3) alcohol and other drug tion and to focus the nation on use; (3) alcohol and other drug use; 4) sexual behaviors that result in HIV infection and other sexually transmitted diseases and unintended pregnan

cies; (5) dietary behaviors; and (6) phsycial activity. The high school YRBS was administered to 1,696 students in 17 high schools. The results

are representative of all students in grades 9-12.

The middle school YRBS was administered to 1,754 students in 24 middle schools. The reviewed and will be available later in the spring A copy of the survey is avail-able in the Office of Public Affairs, School District of Palm results are representative of all students in grades 7 and 8. National data are being

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•nts with a unique opportunity to graduate from high school with multiple credentials, including cer-tification in their technical areas in addition to a standard College Ready Diploma. Career Academy students will receive from 1400-1800 hours of technical training in

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offer an opportunity for high school students to train for careers in the general construction industry. Academic and technical studies will be integrated with a curriculum focus on carpentry, framing, heating, ventilation and air condi-tioning, and plumbing. Students who successfully complete the program will receive industry certifi-cation. This will enable them to construction industries

continue on to college.

For more information, please call
West Technical Education Center
at (561) 996-4930.

Cat Talk from Gove Elementary



Bicycle Safety Rodeo

The Binka Forest Elementary PTA in conjunction with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office will be sponsoring a Bicycle Safety Rodeo on Saturday, Feb. 19 at the school's pavillion and playground. Bicycle safety training, riding events and bicycle anti-theft registration will be-presented by the Sheriff's office. They will also sponsor bicke drive to benefit the students at Gove Elementary. The Binks Forest Elementary PTA and Gove Elementary have recently agreed on a business partnership that would benefit both schools.

Top volunteers

The following volunteers have been selected as Top Volunteers for the month of January: Beatriz Alonso (33 1/2 hrs.), Gloria Alonso (43 4/3 hrs.), Robert Wheelihan (13 1/2 hrs.) Topya Hamilton (10 1/4 hrs.), Myranda Miller (58 hrs.), Maria C. Pena (12 1/2 hrs.) and Yris Sorto-Riiu (21 1/2 hrs.) We commend all of our volunteers and business partners for their committment to the education of our students.

Spring Family Festival

Spring Family Festival

Fun for kids and their families in the Mounts Botanical Carden on Sunday, March 12 between 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Ladybug releases, games, arts and crafts and children's gaddening classes are a few of the fun activities children can participate in. The Mounts Botanical Garden is located between Southern and Belvedere just west of the Palm Beach International Airport, 631 N. Military Trail.

Magnet Applications

Parents of students entering kindergarten next fall need to fill out, a magnet application form for our International Studies Program whether they live in or out of our school boundaries. Please stop by the school-to pick up a form or call for an appointment at 993-1922. The application deadline is Feb. 25.

a English and Spanish Classes for Parents
As a result of the survey conducted last January, the English and Spanish classes for parents will start on
Monday Feb. 28. The classes will be held twice a week Monday and Wednesday) between 5-7 p.m. The classes
will meet in the Family Center and in the Resource Room. Hope you can come.

2/21-No school/conference day for parents. 2/22-Parent, child and literacy workshop for parents, 6 p.m.

2/25-Magnet application deadline.

15 graduate from PBCC

Fifteen students from Belle Glade and South Bay were among the 676 graduates to receive degrees from Palm Beach Community College during com-mencement exercises held Dec. 17 at Florida Atlantic University

Boca Raton.

Among those graduating from
Belle Glade were: Roudy Achille,
Justin Ford Blakley, Oneida O.
Buenavista, Maurico E. Garia,
Kara LeAnn Heley, Maxine
Clemones Holland, Mary-Anne
Noelle Hollingsworth, Maria D.
Lopez, Harold Miller, Terreca'S.
Mineray. Scatteric Moreover. Mincey, Sonmein Quan, Christopher Michael Stevens, Dariel Jacquet Walker and Emily Michele Watson. Also graduating was Erin Gayle Meadows of South Bay. Sonmein

Class of 1981 plans 20-year reunion

Planning is underway for Glades Central High School's

Class of 1981-20-year reunion.

Members of the class are urged to attend the next planning meeting, which will be held Feb. 20 at the Banyon Club, on the corner of SR 715 and Ave. L in Belle Glade

at 4 p.m.

For more information, contact class president Angela Houston at

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Nu Kappa Sorority to meet March 8

The Nu Kappa Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held a meeting on Jan. 18 at the home of Becky White. The service committee gave a report on the chapter's December service project and the social committee reported on the Holiday Home four which was attended by several

on "romantic poetry." Becky gave a lovely presentation of Shakespeare's Sonnet 116. She car-ried out the theme of Victorian romance in her home decorations

Members present were Tina Herring, Betty Hodges, Marsha Smith, Elizabeth Harrington, Nora Ornelas, Julie Zambory and Becky

White.

Nu Kappa's February meeting
was held Feb. 9 at the home of
Nora Ornelas.
the standing committees gave

their reports and plans were initi-ated for a tea social. The evening's program was "Dress for Sucess." Nora presented a creative exhibit of different styles of clothing for

business and personal success. A Valentine's the in Nora's decorations and delicious

A 50th wedding anniver-sary reception honoring Kenneth and Caludine Warren will be held at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall on Saturday, Feb. 26 from 3-5 p.m.

p.m.
All friends and well-wishers of the couple are invited to attend. No local invitations will

Warren 50th anniversary to be observed Feb. 26

in Nora's decorations and delicious-refreshments.
Those members present were Betty Hodges, Elizabeth Harrington, Marsha Smith, Becky White, Julie Zambory and Nora Ornelas.

The next meeting is scheduled



Patricia Underwood of Belle Glade announces the engagement of their daughter, Terra Kelleen Walden to Tuntothy Scott Horton of Inverness. Terra Walden is also the daughter of the late Terry Walden. The prospective groom is the son of Robert and Bonnie. Horton of Inverness.

Inverness.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, Feb. 19 at 4 p.m. at the flory Island Pavillion, Belle Glade. All friends and family are welcome.

The bride to be is a 1996 graduate of Glades Day School. She attended South Florida Com-

munity College where she received an associates of arts degree and Keiser Career Institute where she received her medical assistants, degree. She is employed as a med-ical assistant with Dr. Jose F. Allongo, Jr., M.D. at Palins West Internist

The groom is a 1991 graduate Citrus High School. He attended Withlacochee Vocational School. He is employed as a police officer with the Belle Glade Police Department.

After the wedding, the couple will reside in Belle Glade.

Senior citizens urged to join other seniors for fun County residents 60 years of age and older.

The Palm Beach County Division of Senior Services invites senior citizens to join them in activ-tics held at the local senior citizen

The center provides social and utrition services to Palm Beach

and refreshments.

and older.

The services are designed to assist seniors in remaining independent as long as possible and any citizen 60 and older is welcome to take part in the activities,

To find out more about senior

To find out more about senior services, including homemaker, physical fitness, home delivery of meals, employment, health fitness, transportation, low income programs, educational and recreation-

al programs and other senior cen-ter activities, call Effie McNair, Senior Center manager

The center is located on State Road 80, Belle Glade, near the old county court ho

Operation Heartbeat aimed at placing AEDs throughout county begins

Jeannette Corbett, president and 'CEO. of the Quantum Foundation, announced a \$2426,000 grant to the American Heart Association for "Operation Heartheat, a comprehensive 'educational awareness program with an emphasis on placing' computer; and devices' called Automatic External Defib-rila-

tors (AEDs) throughout the county AEDS are instrumental in saving the life of someone who suffers cardiac arrest.

The majority of the 50 AEDs

provided by the grant will be placed in Palm Beach County Sheriff vehicles, which in many cases are the first reponders at a cardiac or accident scene. By

having an AED in their vehicle and basic training in its use, countless lives will be saved. Quantum's monies will also

Quantum's monies will also support a program specialist who will oversee the project to ensure proper training, mainte-nance of equipment, and coordi-nate educational efforts urging people who experience the warn-

ing signs of cardiovascular dis-ease and stroke to seek immedi-

ease and stroke to seek immediate medical attention. The program specialist will also lead local efforts in the community to urge public facilities such as golf courses, theaters, recreations centers and large companies to make, AEDs available in their facilities. AEDs are a crucial part of the

chain of survival which includes: Early access-recognizing the early warning signs and contacting the emergency medical services system (911).
 Early CPR-buying time by

circulating blood and oxygen to the heart and brain.

Early defibrililation—shock-ing the heart back to a normal

• Early advanced care--includ airway control and intra-ous drug treatment by paraing air

venous drug treatment by para-medics.

The Quantum Foundation is Palm Beach County's largest foundation with assets of \$160

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Joe Taylor joins staff of Kraeer-Mixson Funeral Home.

Joe Taylor, former Belle Glade police officer and retired law enforcement officer has joined our staff.

Mr. Taylor, a Belle Glade native, will be making removals, as well as assisting with visitations and services .

The addition of Mr. Taylor to our staff is just one of the ways that we are working to improve our services to you, our community, as we have since 364.

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Obituaries

Wynne R. Averill, Jr., 84, of Titusville, a retired mechanic, died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2000 at Parrish Medical

Center.

A native of Indianapolis, Mr. Averill came to Brevard County in 1999 from Indiantown. Mr. Averill was a member of Indianapolis, Mr. Averill came to Brevard County in 1999 from Indiantown. Mr. Averill is survived by his wife, Rena Averill of Titusville; two sons, W. Roger Averill of Indianapolis and Thomas R. Averill of Mims, a daughter, Carrie Anne Wilhite of Merritt Island; seven grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren and a sister, Dorothy Jean Hubman of Tallahassee.

Funeral services were held Sunday at North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville. Burial followed at the Port Mayaca Cemetery.

Mazie Unwin Nychyk, 77, of Fort Myers died Feb. 8, 2000. Mrs. Nychyk was born in Pahokee and graduated from Pahokee High School in 1941. She and her husband Andrew moved to Fort Myers in 1945. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Fot Myers and for 35 years-was a volunteer at several nursing homes. Mrs. Nychyk is survived by her husband, Andrew; two sons, Andrew Jr. and Timothy Sr.; four grandsons, Randy, Timothy Jr. and Gary and two granddaughters, Brandis and, Rebecca, all of Fr. Myers; two sisters, Virigina Crev's of Belle Glade and Betty Hitchook of Allachua; and two brothers, Marvin Unwin of Belle Glade.

and David Unwin of Pahokee Funeral services for Mrs. Nychyk were held Saturday, Feb. 12 in Ft. Myers

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Canal Boats..Continued from Page 1

enjoy wintering in South Flori-da. Pahokee hopes the boats will bring in tourists who will enjoy the change of pace the ex-cursions will offer. We are the only place in Florida that can offer this unique tourist attraction," said Chambar Escutiva Director

Chamber Executive Director Alice Thompson. From the Pa-hokee Marina, boaters have easy access to either coast by way of the Caloosahatchee Riv-er or the St. Lucie Canal or vis-itors can travel around the 726 mile lake itself to other lake communities—Clewiston, Moore Haven, and Okeechobee and view the cattle ranches, citrus groves, cane fields and fish camps that dot the shore-

line.

Recently six Pahokee residents, Lynda Moss, Faith Sasser, Becky Bush, Barbura Branch and Cynthia Turbeville chartered one of the boats for a six-day cruise from Pahokee to

Moore Haven, LaBelle, Ft. Meyers and back. Upon their return, the ladies shared photos of their cruise and the log they kept of their journey.

journey.

"We were all so excited about this adventure and somewhat apprehensive at the same time," wrote Lynda Moss, who was the boat's "Skipper" for the cruise. "We all had some boating experience, but none of us had ever taken on a task of this magnitude before. Most of us had assess boat here we take the same time." had never been through a set of locks before," Ms. Moss said. According to the ship's log, compiled by Becky Bush, the

compiled by Becky Bush, the Indies began their cruise from the Pahokee Marina, following a two hour orientation at about 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23. "We were very excited and pulled out with a CD playing "Amazing Grace" on the bag-pipes. The day was bright, sun-ny and cool," Mis. Bush wrote. The group traveled down the rim canal to South-Bay where rim canal to South Bay where "Skipper" Lynda Moss had scouted out a beath for the at, which are not to be oper

ated at night.

The docking came off without a hitch except for one thing. I was to tie up the bow and inadvertently had my foot hanging over the edge of the boat where we very lightly bumped in to the dolphin. My second toe on my left foot served as a bumper for the landing," Ms. Bush wrote. Bush wrote.

The crew were awakened at 4 a.m. Monday by a cold front and thunderstorms which soaked them through an open

soaked them enveyed window.

"We got a very early start on Monday and got to the Moore Haven locks around midday. Being an inexperienced crew, we approached this situation with some fear and trepidation, passally since there was quite especially since there was quite a "gale" blowing. However, all our worry was in vain. Our Captain pulled it off with the help of "all hands on deck," Ms. Bush wrote. "We pulled up to the city docks and Cynthia and off-loaded our bikes and went in search of minnows. We had two dozen in a matter of minespecially since there was quite in search or minnows. We had two dozen in a matter of min-utes thanks to Alvin's Bait Stand. By the way, the bikes are wonderful. We stayed in port for a few minutes to let a storm pass on by," she said before traveling on to dock for the night at Hendry Isles.

Tuesday, the group traveled through the Ortona Locks without incident, visited with a

without incident, visited with a former Pakokee resident, tina Elliott, before mooring at Rial-to Harbor in Alva for the night. "This is where we met our greatest challenge of the trip so far. The owner of the marina mistakenly thought we had a 3-inch "draw" instead of a 3-foot draw. She directed us into about 12 inches of water, and about 12 inches of water and 18 inches of mud! It was nerve wracking at first but everyone around in their boats was so helpful that it wasn't bad. Buzz one of the marina owners offered to hop aboard and get us out of the swamp. Th crew continued on their journey, passing another Mid-

lakes vessel returning from the west as they exited the W.P. Franklin Lock and arrived in the Ft. Myers Yacht Basin at around three, allowing the ladies to shop downtown before preparing a lobster dinner aboard the Canandaigua that

Thursday, Jan. 26 was the crew's "hit it hard day" as they traveled from Ft. Myers to Moore Haven, stopping only for lunch in LaBelle where they lunch in LaBelle where they tied up at the municipal dock. Friday, Ms. Bush noted, the group arose in time to watch the sun rising over the lake as they made their way back to Pahokee.

"Everyone should be so fortu nate to wake up so gently and so carefree. It's good for the body, mind and soul," she said. Her crew mates agreed. "The beauty of this trip was a

combination of God's handiwork around us, wonderful friends--each with his own ex-pertise 'on board', comraderie and a unique vessel with all the amenities one would need," Barbara Branch wrote in the

harrows ships log.

All of the ladies said they learned new skills, saw familiar places from a new perspec-tive, and enjoyed the relax-ation the trip offered as well as the company of friends. "We learned how to call ahead to the lockmasters, call

ahead to the lockmasters, can ahead to get a bridge opened, call ahead to have a railroad crossing opened and how to read in our waterway guide to find out if the next bridge had enough clearance for us," wrote the Skipper, Lynda Moss. "We each had a job every

"We each had a job every morning before we got under-way and we followed this checklist each and every day. What a wonderful system we had so that everyone got to enjoy and truly have a relaxed trip. I would highly recommend this type of trip to everyowho asks. This was an expense that I will never forget.



Ruth McReynolds, second from right, and Laurine Worth, sisters of the late Vinson Henderson, presented Pahokee Vice Mayor Roy Singletary, left, with the prototype of a million dollar check representing an endowment from the late Mr. Henderson for the perpetual mainteniance of the Port Mayaca Cemetery, which is maintained by the City of Pahokee. Also pictured, from left, Pahokee Commissioner Henry Crawford, City Manager Ken Schenck and cemetery supervisor Art Ivester, right. (Photo by Tracy Whirls)

Sunspots/From Page 1

Elks to host

Appreciation Awards
Belle Glade Elks Lodge #1716 will be hosting the annual Barbecue and District Chair Appreciation Awards for the Florida Elks Southeast District.

The event will be held at the Belle Glade Marina Pavilion on Sunday, February 20 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The rib or chicken dinners will cost \$6 per person and members and guests are invited to attend. There will be children's ac-

tivities included during the day, and a fishing contest at 1 p.m. Adult supervision is re-quired and poles and bait will need to be brought by the participants.

For advanced tickets please call the Elk's Lodge at 996-1716 or 992-5886.

Board basics offered in Belle Glade

Board Connection, a project of Leadership Palm Beach County, Inc., is offering its "Board Basics" training class. "Board Basics" is the boot

camp for potential and cur-rent board members, it takes places Saturday, Feb. 26 at Palm Beach Community Col-lege, Glades Campus in Room

lege Drive, Belle Glade.

The training takes place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the cost is \$10 per persona nd includes breakfast, lunch, and a

123. The address is 1977 Col-

The course covers the following subjects: Board Governance, Officers & Committees' Structure, Roles & Responsi-bilities of Board Members and Staff, Financial & Accounting, Strategic Planning, Fundrais-

ing, Legal Responsibilities.

The facilitators are professionals in various areas of ex-pertise and are alumni of Leadership Palm Beach County.

For more information about the classes call 561-802-6280

One Hundred Black Men Breakfast set One Hundred Black Men of

Palm Beach County, Inc will be hosting a breakfast for 100 members or potential mem-bers on Saturday, Feb. 19 at 9 a.m. at the Kountry Kitchen

One Hundred Black Men of Palm Beach County, Inc. is an organization of black ment in the county who are committed to helping minority youth and dedicated to providing posi-tive black male role models using effective mentoring principles principles.

more information or to RSVP, call 996-6828.

Special services at

Church of God The Church of God, 156 N.W. 9th Avenue, South Bay, is holding "Renewal Week Services" from Monday, Feb. 21 to Saturday, Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. each evening. The subject is "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" and the services will feature several Church of God speakers.

On Sunday, Feb. 27, the church will begin their annual Missionary Day Program at 3 p.m. The subject is 'Come at 3

p.m. The subject is "Come and ollow me." Minister Frances Hicks, of

the Lakeland Florida St. Church of God will be the guest speaker.

Rebuilding PD/From Pg. 1

Office or the Palm Beach Coun ty School System. "Every time I send someone to DARE trainsend someone to DARE training they go to work for the school district. For some reason they seem to think it's easier working for the schools."

The department has 13 full time road patrol positions and two part time positions and still needs two more full time officers the act full canacity.

still needs two more full time officers to be at full capacity, the chief said. He just hired one part time and one full time offi-cer last week. This translates into three officers, a sergeant and two patrol officers, per shift. The department is round-ed out by four dispatchers who also perform all the adminis-trative tasks. trative tasks The Chief said while grants

have helped the department with purchasing equipment, the general fund for the department has been shrinking for ment has been shrinking for the past several years. "The last time we were able to give a serious raise was when we gave up two spets and used the left-over funds to give raises to the other guys," the Chief said. "That helped those who have tayed here, but it's not helped he entry level."

The new officers who have

joined the department over the past two years have been very aggressive and very active, Chief Salvatore said, and have been working well with other officers. This has translated into an increas

to an increase in arrests.
"When you're really short-handed it's hard to do the follow-up. You wind up letting the same person commit three crimes before you can make an arrest," the chief said, adding that once the department be-comes fully staffed he will likely assign an officer to do follow-

"One thing officers do like One: thing officers do like about working here is they do everything. In a bigger department, you might be stuck in traffic. Here you might be a school crossing guard, work accidents, then follow up a burglary. It's good experience for them." the chief said

partment answered 9 242 calls for service in 1999, averaging more than 2,000 calls each quart

not enforced. "The problem is, if we did enforce it, people wouldn't have alarms," the chief said, and while officers do sometimes suggest that property owners ask their alarm company to check the devices, they respond to each alarm, "even if we've responded twice already that day."

The monitoring of burglar alarms, combined with more aggressive police work have brought about a decrease in burglaries-from 76 in the first ment of Law Enforcement, which recorded 141 burglaries

Pahokee in 1998.
The chief said residents are doing a better job of informing the department of suspicious activity, although often the calls aren't made until the next day, long after the crime has oc-

will wait til the next day. A woman will call and say she saw someone taking the lawn-mower out of her neighbor's mower out of her neighbors's shed, yesterday, but her hus-band didn't think she should call," the Chief said, adding that he hopes that efforts such as the Citizens Observer Patrol will encourage residents to re-rott suscinge activities. port suspicious activities

wn in 1999, with a total of 24 ported, compared to 49 in

According to statistics com-piled by the department, in 1999 the Pahokee Police De-

Of these, 986 calls were in response to burglar alarms, many of them false alarms, which utilized 493 man hours at a cost of \$12,325.

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Chief Salvatore said a city ordinance provides that business owners can be fined for having an inordinate number of false alarms, but the ordinance is not enforced. "The problem is, if

burglaries-from 76 in the first quarter of last year to 26 in the last quarter of 1999, although the total for 1999, 226 burglar-ies is still up when compared to stats from the Florida Depart-

Part of the problem is people

vehicle thefts

1998. As with burglaries, the chief attributes the decline to aggressive police work leading to the arrests of likely perpetrators and increased vigilance on the part of residents

Domestic violence continues to be an area of concern, the chief said, noting that the de-

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cidents of domestic violence in cidents of domestic violence in 1999. New laws, that don't de-pend on the victim pressing charges or require an officer to witness the abuse, have made it easier to make arrests in those cases, the chief said. Last year the Pahokee Police Department made 668 arrests, including felonies; misde-including felonies; misde-

al public, he was surprised by those numbers, given the amount of concern expressed about juvenile crime. But while iuveniles account for fewer arrests than adults, juveniles are involved in the majority of dis-turbance calls (a total of 601 in 1999) and many of the suspi-cious incidents (745) reported

"A lot of the calls we get con cerning juveniles aren't thing you're going to make arrest for. Every day after school we get calls concerning groups of kids fighting or acting like they're going to fight and we escort them home," the Chief said

Chief Salvatore said he is er aged by efforts from the n Beach County Sheriff's Office to prevent juvenile crime and believes the location of sub-offices in Frend Village and Padgett Island have benefited

oth departments.

Another area in which arrests have increased through joint efforts with the sheriff's and other agencies is in interdiction, the chief drug interdiction, the ciner, said. Drug arrests were up in the last quarter of 1999, with 24 arrests made involving co-caine, 13 marijuana, and 15 paraphernalia in the last quarter armangalta a total of six in paraphernalia in the last quar-ter, compared to a total of six in

multiagency drug task force. For years when we were full-staffed we had people perma-nently assigned," the chief said, noting that in the past Pahokee officers have participated in undercover operations in other communities.

Despite the attention that has been given by residents and the media to the four homi-

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cides that occurred in Pahokee in 1999, and a fifth that oc-curred just after the first of the year, the Chief said he believes these are isolated incidents and these are isolated incidents and do not indicate a threat to the general population. The chief said he believes the murder of two Hispanie men on Barfield Highway in November was likely a robbery gone bad, and he noted that the Jan. 1 murder of a Pahokee man was believed to be in retaliation for the July murder of a Pahokee teen.

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meanors and criminal traffic chief said this does not indicate infractions, Of those, 82 percent of those arrested were adults, 18 percent juveniles. We always have worked together, participating in the

made in the slayings, which continue to be under investiga-tion, the chief said that 1999 was an unusual year-there were five homicides in Pahokee

in 1994, one in 1995, three in 1996, four in 1997, and three in 1998--but the majority of these, eight, occurred in the unincorporated area of the county, not in the city limits.

According to FDLE statistics, Pahokee's crime rate fell in 1998, down 1.47 percent and the police department enjoyed a 21.87 percent clearance rate a 21.87 percent clearance rate for cases closed. Even when the differences in population between Pahokee and its sister cities in the Glades is taken in-to act unt, the numbers are comparable-Belle Glade had a

comparable—Belle Glade had a 14.21 percent increase in crime and a 19.41 percent clearance rate, while South Bay saw crime drop 16.62 percent in 1998 and enjoyed a 25.21 percent clearance rate.

While expressing appreciation for the assistance of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, the Chief stops short of endorsing any move to shift law enforcement activities to the county-even part time, as South Bay has done'by having the sheriff's office by having the sheriff's office dispatch for the police de-partment at night.

"You might save money do-ing it," the chief admitted, "and I've talked to the chie in South Bay and it works out fine for them. But we have a different situation here." here

"So much of our stuff here is walk up stuff--I don't think you'd have the kind of service we have now," the chief said

chief said.

He illustrates his point with an incident that happened when he was in high school. A car was rolling down the road and the driver was slumped over the wheel. He was able to reach into the car through the window, turn off and check the driver

it off and check the driver, who had passed out.
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